

Those qualities of hard-work, commitment, and determination will continue to serve them well in the future as they transition from leaders on the field to leaders in their families, communities, state, and Nation.

Congratulations to the Jefferson Davis County Jaguars. They earned this victory.

COMMEMORATING JUDY
MCKIERNAN

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Judith Ann McKiernan, wife, mother, public servant, and community leader. Mrs. McKiernan passed away on November 30th.

Judy is survived by her husband of twenty-nine years, Michael and their two children, Hannah, and Adam. Lovingly known to Judy as, Team McKiernan.

A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, Judy grew up in Houston, Texas and made her way to Winchester in the late 1980s. Judy dedicated her life in Winchester to community service, as a social worker, public school counselor and administrator for over thirty years, and as a Member of Winchester City Council. She was currently serving as Director of Student Support Services for the Winchester Public Schools.

Judy was known for her spirited personality and fierce determination to advocate for those she loved. She enjoyed dancing, being out in nature, and welcoming all who came through her door. She loved serving her community and found great joy in supporting the development of making it a more equitable place to thrive and grow. Judy supported the many organizations whose missions aligned with her values, including Bright Futures, Winchester Area Thermal Shelter (WATTS) NAACP, and many others.

Judy McKiernan leaves behind a lasting legacy of dedicated public service and will be missed by family, her many friends and the community she served.

HONORING COMMISSIONER EMMIT
JIMMAR OF COLBERT COUNTY,
ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize today the profound service and legacy of the late Emmit Jimmar of Colbert County, Alabama. Emmit Jimmar held the office of county commissioner for 28 years, serving as the first Black commissioner elected in Colbert County. We mourn his passing today and reflect on the influence his service brought to North Alabama.

Commissioner Jimmar was known by many as a bearer of wisdom. For nearly three decades he served as a mentor for so many, instilling in each of them the importance of passion in service and a love for the work they do.

He paved the way for others to follow, from being the first Black county commissioner to being the first Black teacher at Coffee High School in Florence, Alabama. Commissioner Jimmar also played a key role in fanning the Alabama Education Association by initially joining the preexisting white teacher's association. He would then spend 43 years with AEA advocating for educators and staff in the state.

Words used to describe Commissioner Jimmar have included "a pillar in the Shoals community," and "a mentor, advisor, supporter, and friend." I know that Commissioner Jimmar was all of such and more. The legacy of his avowed service in Alabama will thrive as the communities he has touched continue to grow and benefit from his work.

Commissioner Jimmar leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 59 years, Mrs. Elsa Jimmar, and his two children Kevin and La'Kiska Jimmar; special daughter-in-law Pammie Jimmar; grandsons KC Jimmar and Dallas Jimmar; sisters Martha (Puddin') Stewart and Carrie Jimmar; and brother, Reginald (Tiffany) Hughes and stepsister Debbie Winston. Devoted nephews and nieces, Renita (LaBron) Jimmar-Hall; Myron (Sherry) Hughes; Kimberly Stewart; Kharis Hughes; Nephew Carlton (Verda) Ross; brother-in-law Don Wells (Carol); sisters-in-law Annie Wells and Aurelia Wells, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

I ask that you join me in honoring Emmit Jimmar and help commemorate his lifetime of service as an inspiration for others as they follow in his footsteps on the lasting path he paved.

RECOGNITION OF THE AWARD OF
THE GREENFIELD RECORDER'S
2021 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR TO
CAROLYN SHORES NESS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Carolyn Shores Ness, the Greenfield Recorder's 2021 Citizen of the Year. Carolyn is a proud resident of the Second District of Massachusetts and has served her community of Deerfield, and beyond, for many years.

In her 18 years as a member of the Deerfield Selectboard, Carolyn has served on various committees through which she has made a great impact. She has worked to secure grant funding for Deerfield and to support the programs that most benefit the town. Since 2014, she has been leading the charge to revitalize downtown Deerfield and transform it into a booming destination. Carolyn wants to make her town a safe and walkable place where businesses can thrive.

Her aspirations are clear—Carolyn Shores Ness wants to create community. And Madam Speaker, Carolyn is unique in that she does the work to realize her vision.

In addition to her tenure on the Selectboard, Carolyn has served as the Chair of the Deerfield Board of Health and the Co-Chair of the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition. Through her actions and advocacy, Carolyn has worked to keep the people in our community healthy and safe, especially as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

She has been a member of many councils and commissions, including the Western Massachusetts Homeland Security Council, the Regional Emergency Planning Council, and the Deerfield Green Infrastructure Committee. Carolyn has been a staunch advocate for sustainable and efficient improvements to local infrastructure. Her advocacy exemplifies her unwavering commitment to both service and community.

Madam Speaker, Carolyn has consistently worked to improve our community and bring people together. She is respectful and engaged and values hearing different points of view in order to best advocate for what our community truly needs. She has an incredible gift for collaborating with others to produce creative and effective solutions. Carolyn embodies what it means to be a public servant and Massachusetts is all the better for it.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and the people of Massachusetts, I would like to thank Carolyn Shores Ness for her longstanding service and congratulate her on being named the Greenfield Recorder's 2021 Citizen of the Year.

HONORING BRODIE MICHAEL
FOSTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brodie Michael Foster. Brodie is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brodie has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brodie has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 27 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Brodie has completed Boy Scouts of America's National Youth Leadership Training, served in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and has camped a total of 59 nights. Brodie has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Brodie checked Darns for Erosion Control at the City of Glenaire City Park which took 87.5 hours of service to complete.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brodie Michael Foster for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DENNIS R. GROFF

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dennis R. Groff who is retiring after more than thirty years of service to Paradise Township, located in Lancaster County in Pennsylvania's Eleventh District. A lifelong resident of Paradise, Dennis has dedicated

much of his life to serving his community, holding a number of leadership roles over the years. Just to name a few, he has served as Paradise's Emergency Management Coordinator, Roadmaster, and Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, all the while volunteering at a fire company in the community. He gives his phone number to anyone within Paradise who may need it, making sure that every resident of the township is looked after. Dennis represents the best of our country: people who are willing to give so much to their communities so that they can be better places to live, work, and raise a family.

I extend my sincere thanks to Dennis for his service and wish him an enjoyable retirement.

IN HONOR OF JEFF AZZOPARDI

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor South San Francisco Police Chief Jeff Azzopardi on the occasion of his retirement. After almost 30 years of service with the department, Chief Azzopardi has decided that it is time for a new chapter in his life that will allow him to spend more time with his family. That desire particularly resonates with me this year because I announced my own retirement from a job I love to spend more time with my family.

I had the great honor to work with Chief Azzopardi since he was appointed in 2014. One of the more memorable occasions was a press conference in 2017 in which we announced the first-ever conviction for human trafficking in San Mateo County. That success reflected the outstanding collaboration of law enforcement, elected officials, and nonprofit organizations on the local, state, and federal level. Chief Azzopardi played an essential role in that collaboration.

Jeff Azzopardi was hired as a police recruit for the South San Francisco Police Department and sworn in as an officer in 1993. From there he rose through the ranks of K-9 officer, S.W.A.T. officer, school community liaison officer, police corporal, criminal investigations bureau officer, police sergeant, community relations sergeant, police lieutenant, criminal investigations bureau commander, and police captain. After the retirement of former Chief Mike Massoni in 2014, the department conducted a nationwide search and selected Jeff Azzopardi as its new chief in September of that year. No matter the role, Jeff is dedicated to the safety and well-being of our community. He leads by example and always strives for excellence.

During his time with the department, he successfully completed the Inner Perspectives Leadership Program, LAPD Leadership Program, and POST Executive Development course. He holds a number of certifications from the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. He also is the former president of the San Mateo County Commanders Group, the president of the San Mateo County Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, and the Chief of the North Central Regional S.W.A.T. Team and Commissioner for the South San Francisco Commission on Racial and Social Equity. Chief Azzopardi un-

derstands the importance of community relations and has been a leader on several community oriented policing projects. He tirelessly emphasized the importance of building bridges between his department and our community.

His outstanding service did not go unnoticed. He received numerous awards and honors, including a certificate of commendation from the police department for his work as a sexual assault investigator, a certificate of commendation from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, a lifetime achievement award from the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the Carl Valero Lifetime Achievement Award from Pacifica American Little League, and Police Officer of the Year from the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association.

Born in San Francisco, Jeff attended Terra Nova High School in Pacifica and then received his Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Chico State University and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Notre Dame de Namur University.

As South San Francisco's Top Cop is leaving his post, he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 21 years, Nikole, and their sons Nat and Drew.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise with me to thank Chief Azzopardi for keeping South San Francisco one of the safest and most innovative cities in the Bay Area. His exemplary leadership has earned him the respect and adoration of his colleagues and South City residents. His contributions over the last three decades will outlast his service.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DR. JAMES L. LEE

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Dr. James L. Lee of Conway, South Carolina.

In June of 1922, Dr. Lee was appointed to a small country church of only a few people. Under his strong leadership, Catoe Chapel Church of God in Christ has grown to be one of the largest churches in Kershaw County, with over two hundred active members. Throughout the community, Dr. Lee is known as a dynamic preacher and prolific teacher of God's word, and he lives exactly by what he preaches.

Although he lived in Conway, Dr. Lee abided by his faith and took the helm of leading this small ministry, believing God would use him to take the church to insurmountable heights. God did exactly that and more. Dr. Lee even inspired church members to build a beautiful new edifice, seated off Highway 341.

Dr. Lee's guidance and wisdom has aided and encouraged countless families through difficult times. He has helped families find housing assistance, student scholarships, and numerous community enrichment and outreach programs. Despite dealing with his own health challenges, Dr. Lee has remained committed to his ministry and the church. His life as a servant of the Lord is so deeply evident in how he cares for those around him.

On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, I thank Dr. James L. Lee for his thirty

years of faithful service. He is a true example of a servant leader and has been a tremendous resource to our community. May God continue to bless Dr. Lee and his family.

COMMEMORATING DR. TERRY SINCLAIR

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Dr. Terry Sinclair of Winchester, one of the most respected physicians in Virginia's 10th Congressional District. Dr. Sinclair passed away on November 26th.

Dr. Sinclair is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Diane, two daughters, one son, and eight grandchildren. Diane tells us, "he loved his family passionately, we laughed, we had fabulous experiences. We were blessed." In any setting, whether as a physician, administrator, musician, or community leader, he was known for his compassionate and caring nature.

As a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and the University of Michigan Medical School, he then completed his surgical residency at the University of Missouri. He then went on to serve his country for two years with the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Moving to Winchester in 1974, he first practiced vascular and general surgery. However, his service in the Navy during Vietnam provided him with a significant amount of experience in trauma-related surgery, and he began to develop an expertise in the field. During that same time period, he joined the staff at Winchester Medical Center and eventually became vice president of medical affairs for the hospital's corporate parent, Valley Health. By 1976, he was at the forefront of bringing Emergency Medical Services to the area, serving as President of the Lord Fairfax EMS Council for twenty years, and as a member of the governor's EMS Advisory Board and Virginia Federation of EMS Councils.

Since the 1970s saw the creation and development of some of the original free health clinics, it meant that those who were unemployed, uninsured, or couldn't afford medical help could receive treatment. On October 23rd, 1986, Dr. Sinclair spearheaded the opening of the Free Medical Clinic, now known as the Sinclair Health Clinic. Today, the Sinclair Health Clinic is the second-oldest free medical clinic in Virginia.

The current director of the clinic notes that, "His legacy is woven into the memories of everyone he's touched in the clinic—all of the people who work here, the volunteers that make things happen and the thousands of patients who have passed through our doors."

As his loving wife Diane said to him gently in his final moments, "it was OK to go. Well done now, good, and faithful servant. You can rest."

Dr. Sinclair will be missed by the many lives he touched.